

SITUATION REPORT NO. 10
INCIDENT NO. 96-01
DATE: May 13, 1996 TIME: 4:00 p.m.

TO: Governor Edward T. Schafer
State Capitol
Bismarck, ND 58505

1. NATURE OF DISASTER: Spring Flood. (Separate situation reports are being issued regarding flooding in the rest of the state, incident #96-37.)

2. DEATH AND INJURIES: No change from previous reports.

3. DAMAGE: The level of Devils Lake on May 13, 1996, was 1436.66 feet M.S.L.

Beams of the understructure of the Six Mile Bay bridge are in the water. Actions are being taken to safeguard the bridge until a new structure is in place.

The ice is off Devils Lake. Wave action will begin affecting roads and lake shore property.

Benson, Nelson, and Ramsey County officials are reporting road damages increasing, due to the high water table as the frost goes out.

4. RESOURCES COMMITTED:

LOCAL: No change from previous reports.

STATE: No change from previous reports.

FEDERAL: No change from previous reports.

5. VOLUNTEER ACTIONS: No change from previous reports.

6. MAJOR ACTIONS: A State Flood Coordination Center meeting was held in Devils Lake, May 9, 1996.

ND Parks and Recreation officials announced work has begun on raising the boat ramp at Graham Island State Park.

Concrete barriers have been placed on ND Highway 57 at the Narrows to help keep debris off the roadbed and prevent roadbed erosion.

The Highway Advisory Radio System designed to alert motorists to hazardous road conditions is scheduled to become operational Wednesday, May 15. This system will broadcast detailed information about detours and current road conditions in the Devils Lake Basin. The signal will be broadcast to vehicle and home radios at 530 on the AM band. Strategically located electronic message boards will suggest that motorists tune to 530 AM. ND Department of Transportation

staff will be able to update the information on both the radio system and the electronic message boards from any telephone line or cellular connection.

ND DOT is letting bids on June 21, 1996 for the bridge at Six Mile Bay. The new bridge is part of the upgrading of ND Highway 19 to accommodate rising Devils Lake water. The completion date is July, 1997.

The ND Game and Fish Department is assessing the operational status of its boat ramps in lieu of the new lake level projections.

Through the Available Storage Acreage Program (ASAP), 38 contracts have been approved and structures constructed, allowing for 5,800 acre feet of storage. State Water Commission and contractor construction crews are working on structures to provide upper basin storage in the Devils Lake area.

The Devils Lake Sioux Tribe has initiated a water well shutdown plan for abandoned home sites and an installation plan for new water wells at new home sites to insure they meet established safety standards.

The National Weather Service has increased the Devils Lake outlook to a July crest of 1438 to 1438.5 feet M.S.L. based on normal precipitation and evaporation rates.

Governor Schafer upgraded the State's Emergency Declaration to a Disaster Declaration on May 6, 1996.

7. ASSISTANCE NEEDED: None at this time.
8. OUTSIDE HELP ON SCENE: No change from previous reports.
9. OTHER INFORMATION: The next State Flood Coordination Center meeting will be held May 23, 1996 at 1:30 p.m. at the Ramsey County Courthouse basement meeting room. State Flood Coordination Center meetings are currently scheduled for every two weeks.

The Devils Lake Basin snowmelt water is moving toward Devils Lake. On May 8, Channel A was carrying 994 cfs and Mauvais Coulee was running at 721 cfs. Flows have peaked since that measurement.

Signed _____
Douglas C. Friez, State Director